THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No case of final settlement of GPF Accounts of employees of Armed Forces Headquarters retired in last three years is pending in CDA (Hqrs), except two current cases of employees retired on 30.11.1996.

(b) and (c). Out of approximately 13,000 GPF accounts of Civilian employees, 266 accounts are not yet complete and up-to-date. In these accounts discrepancies relate to the missing credits and transfer of balances from other accounts offices. These discrepancies are likely to be rectified by the end of current financial year.

**Total Literacy Mission Projects for NGOs in Assam**

2428. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Total Literacy Mission Projects sanctioned by the National Literacy Mission for NGOs in Assam, District-wise;

(b) whether the performance of NGOs has been reviewed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been initiated against NGOs having poor performance;

(e) the details thereof, and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Agencies in Adult Education, 6 Voluntary Agencies have been sanctioned Total Literacy Campaign Projects in 5 districts of Assam. A statement showing the number of Agencies sanctioned projects in each district is enclosed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Performance of none of these agencies has been commented upon.

(f) Does not arise.

**STATEMENT**

*List showing Districtwise No. of NGOs Sanctioned TLC Projects in Assam*

| S.No. | District | No. of VAs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Nalbari | 1 |
| 2. | Kamrup | 1 |
| 3. | Morigaon | 1 |
| 4. | Guwahati | 2 |
| 5. | Naogaon | 1 |
| | Total | 6 |

**IIT Delhi**

2429. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of Civil Engineers, Structural Engineers and Architects are unemployed as Building Science has reached a saturation point;

(b) whether the Government propose to direct the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) to shift the thrust on other important areas of Civil Engineering like Environmental Engineering, Geology, Remote Sensing, Surveying etc. in view of their growing global importance;

(c) the IITs which have offered Post Graduation courses in these important areas of Civil Engineering, and

(d) whether the Government also propose to direct IIT, Delhi to introduce Post Graduation courses in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d). As per the information made available by the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Civil Engineering graduates from the IITs do not find any difficulties in getting suitable jobs. IITs, which are autonomous institutions, are governed by their respective Boards and introduce courses at various levels in different disciplines with the approval of the Board keeping in view the relevance and manpower demand. The IITs are already running post-graduate courses in the important areas of civil engineering which include environmental engineering, remote sensing, transportation engineering, Geotechnical Engineering etc.

**Re-Evaluation of Scripts in DU**

2430. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

**(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "DU examiner gets same scripts for re-evaluation" appearing in the Times of India, dated November 23, 1996;**

**(b) if so, the facts thereof; and**

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A factual report on the allegations made in the newsitem has been called for from the University and any further action in the matter would be possible after the same is received.

**Kashmir Issue**

2431. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether former Pakistan Prime Minister Ms. Benazir Bhutto described the recent elections in Jammu & Kashmir as a 'sham' during her visit to London in September, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether she also urged upon the UK Government to intervene as a third party in the resolution of the dispute between India and Pakistan on Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (d). Government have seen reports that the former Pakistan Prime Minister during her visit to London in September, 1996, while delivering an address at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, expressed her views. In doing this, she was seeking to internationalise the Kashmir issue.

These remarks are part of Pakistan's standard and continuing propaganda and its unsuccessful efforts to question the credibility of the electoral process in J & K, which has been widely welcomed by the international community. Government stand committed to the resolution of all India-Pakistan issues through bilateral discussions as envisaged in the Simla Agreement, and there can be no role of any sort for any third party.

*[Translation]*

**Pak's Intrusion into Indian Waters**

2432. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan is intruding into Indian waters in Arabian Sea; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Government have seen reports regarding Pakistan's notification specifying 'baselines' to measure Pakistan's territorial waters, the contiguous zone, the EEZ and continental shelf in the Arabian Sea. Government have conveyed to Pakistan that while they reserve the right to seek suitable revision of the 'baselines' as notified by Pakistan insofar as they impinge upon India's sovereign jurisdiction, Government unequivocally rejects as unacceptable the coordinate point (K) 23 33.90N... 68 07.80E referred to in the notification as it encroaches upon the territorial waters of India which are within its sovereign jurisdiction.

*[English]*

**Tea Warehouse, Calcutta**

2433. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all exports from the eastern region of the country, particularly that of tea growing area, are being handled by the Kandla Port;

(b) whether the tea warehouse at the Calcutta port is being underutilized;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Yes, Sir. Previously the Tea received from the Hinterland was auctioned in their godowns. The auctioning has since stopped in Calcutta and the auction centre has been shifted to Guwahati. Now, the Tea is exported in containers which are stuffed in the Container Freight Stations/Inland Container Depots. The existing Tea godowns are being utilised by the Port Trust for other Port related activities.

**Terminal at Cochin**

2434. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sri Frederic Herris who was appointed as consultant to study the possibility of setting up a container terminal has favoured, Kochin than Tuticorin on the basis of merits, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Cochin Port has 140 hectares of land at Vallarpadam for this purpose;

(c) whether the cost of establishing such terminal at Cochin will be lesser than that at Tuticorin, if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of each (Cochin and Tuticorin);

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for release of more funds for this project; and

(e) if so, the stage of the sanctioned project and the funds released so far?